

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: **Kirkland** § Group Art Unit: **2173**
Serial No.: **10/675,673** § Examiner: **Noble S. Wong**
Filed: **September 30, 2003** § Attorney Docket No.: **AUS920030796US1**
For: **Method and Apparatus for Increasing**
Personability of Instant Messaging with
User Images §

Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir

No fees are believed to be required. If, however, any fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees which may be required to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and I authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

In response to the Office Action of October 25, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.